

# Rapid River News

March 2nd, 2015

**News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information.** Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further information that you can use. Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info! \_\_\_\_\_

**Elder and Tribal Member #1, Katie Glocheski-Ba walks on.** Last week, Aunt Katie-Ba walked on. Her services were scheduled for today at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's in Manistee. See her full obituary in the next **Currents**.

**Muskegon Project Moves Forward!** Last Tuesday, it was announced that LRBOI has submitted its application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take land into trust for a casino in Muskegon at the tribal property there. See the announcement on page 3 or follow this link: [https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/docs/Muskegon\\_Casino\\_Project\\_Moves\\_Forward.pdf](https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/docs/Muskegon_Casino_Project_Moves_Forward.pdf)

**Spring Fire & Teachings!** The Spring Fire & Teachings are April 8th through 11th at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. See the full flyer on page 8 and plan on attending. **The Spring Membership Meeting is April 11th.**

**Spring Membership Meeting April 11th:** The Spring Membership Meeting is set for April 11th at the Makwa Endaat. Ogema Romanelli will be holding his 'Meet-n-Greet' Friday evening (the 10th) beginning at 7 p.m. in the Three Fires Conference Room. Saturday, booths open at 9 a.m.; the unofficial meeting and presentation of flags begins at 10 a.m. and the formal open is at 1 p.m. The resort has a new menu and it is no longer necessary to have the Spring Meeting as a potluck...lunch will be provided!

**February Currents online!** The 31 page February **Currents** is on line. Go to <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/Currents%20Feb%202015.pdf> to see this and other issues.

**Elder Committee Monthly Meeting:** The next Elders Meeting is March 7th. The elders are holding a candidate forum following that meeting. **The Elders Candidate Forum will be in the Lodge Room at the Government Center beginning at 1:30 p.m.. All Tribal Members are invited!**

## **Election Board / General Election notice!**

- The Election Board is not sponsoring or hosting any Candidate Forums
- Any questions for the Election Board, call their number at 231.398.6709 and leave a message. The Election Board will return your call. Please do not call employees with election issues!
- You are reminded that, if you have not registered to vote, you must register for the General Election (April 24th) by today, February 23rd !
- General Election Candidates may submit articles to the **Currents** for the March edition. Ogema candidates may submit up to 400 words and all others 200 words. They must be in to Public Affairs by March 5th at 5 p.m. to appear in the paper. You will receive confirmation that the article has been received. Be sure to double check though! Call 231.398.6872!

**Natural Resources.** Please return your Deer and Turkey tags, whether harvested or not. If you harvested a deer or turkey please return bottom half of form and fill out as indicated. Thank you to all who already returned their deer and turkey tags. It helps us to track Tribal Citizens hunting needs so we may better serve you. **2015 USFS Huron and Manistee passes are here.** Pick up your passes at the Natural Resources office in Manistee at 310, 9th Street. See Bonnie or Peggy. Please see information on page 13 to know where Tribal Citizens may use the pass.

**Renovation Celebration!** There will be a special presentation by Little River Casino Resort management regarding the Casino Renovation in the Three Fires Conference Center on Saturday, April 11th from 9-11 a.m. Please be sure to join us for all of these events.

**School Presentation!** 3rd Grade Students from Scottville Upper Elementary visited LRBOI for a special presentation. See page 11 for details.

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**2015 LRBOI Primary Election Results (Preliminary)**

Office of the Ogema	Winner	Total	Office of Tribal Council-9 County	Winner	Total
Dave Corey		22	Pam Medahko		40
Gary Paul DiPiazza (sees-bak-tunse)		28	Pat Ruiter	X	61
Jimmy Mitchell		31	Rita Annette Gale	X	83
Larry "Little Thunder" Romanelli	X	240	Ronald Wittenberg	X	84
Michael J. Ceplina		95	Sandra "Peanut " Lewis	X	72
Shannon Paul Crampton		83	Sandy Mezeske	X	77
Steve Parsons	X	111	Steven E. Kequom	X	56

Office of Tribal Council-9 County	Winner	Total	Office of Tribal Council -At Large	Winner	Total
Al Metzger Oskaabaawis		49	Edward Tyler		74
Alvin Patricio		36	Joseph Riley II	X	194
Amy Gilles		15	Marcella M. Leusby		withdrawn
Brian Loney		52	Michael J. Charlow		33
Candace M. Chapman	X	67	Norbert Kelsey	X	103
Corey A. Wells		16	Peggy J. Vriesman		80
Delano D. Peters		35	Sally Bell	X	110
Jamie Friedel	X	68			
Jeff Battice		29	Chief Judge	Winner	Total
Jessica Lynn Burger	X	84	Austen J. Brauker	X	115
Jim Medacco		47	Daniel T. Bailey	X	233
John Pabami		29	Jonnie J. Sam II		105
Justin L. Kelsey		13	Joshua C. Stone		38
Loretta Beccaria- Lindeman		45	Sharron Cogswell Detz	X	106

**Challenges to the Primary Vote had to be filed by Friday, February 20th! The primary results will be certified following the consideration of challenges. The final tally will be posted on the Tribal Face Book page, in the Rapid River News and on the tribal website at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)**

**The following races were not part of the Primary Election but will be decided in the General Election, April 24th**

**ELECTION BOARD**

Peggy Derouin

Tammy Bowen

Brandi Drake-Blamer

Karen Love

Valerie Robinson McDonnell

**APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-- ELDER**

Joseph J. LaPorte

Justice Cynthia Pete Champagne

**APPELLATE COURT JUDGE-ATTORNEY**

Damian S. Fisher

Melissa L. Pope



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## The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Muskegon Casino Project Moves Forward

### *Band submits application to BIA*

**Muskegon, Mich.** — The approval process for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) to develop an Indian gaming facility in Muskegon County is advancing to the next step. The LRBOI late yesterday filed its application at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regional office to take land into trust for a proposed casino and economic development project to be located on 60 acres of the former Great Lakes Downs race-track site in Fruitport Township.

"This marks another step forward for the Band and the Muskegon region," said Tribal Ogema Larry Romanelli, Ogema of the LRBOI. "For the past seven years, we have worked with the Muskegon region to bring viable economic development to both of our communities. This project would jumpstart the local economy and help provide support for expanded tribal government services for our tribal members."

LRBOI will invest \$180 million to build the new casino and economic development project. The project is expected to generate more than 1,200 new jobs in Muskegon County.

The Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport opened in 1999 and closed in 2007. LRBOI purchased the property in 2008 with plans to build a casino and economic development project. As proposed, the economic development project would include:

- Approximately 69,000 square feet of gaming floor space

- 1,700 slot machines

- 35 table games

- 220-room hotel

- Conference and meeting room space

- Dining and entertainment options

LRBOI opened the Little River Casino Resort in 1999 in Manistee as a tool for economic development and self-sufficiency. The income from the casino has enabled the Tribe to fund numerous important programs for tribal members and to provide employment opportunities for those members residing near the Tribe's Manistee reservation. But over time, as Michigan tribes have expanded their gaming operations, with half of Michigan tribes operating more than one casino, competition has eroded LRBOI's income.

"The Band acknowledges this is a long-term investment and we plan to continue to work with the community, state and federal officials to pursue the casino and economic development project to provide much needed jobs and investment in the Muskegon region along with providing revenues to service the needs of our members," said Tribal Council Speaker Virgil Johnson.

"Our proposed Muskegon casino would provide revenues to help our Tribe meet the unmet needs of its members by providing services that are either lacking or have been diminished over the past 15 years," added Speaker Johnson. "This project would provide the Tribe the ability to better the lives of tribal members through enhanced tribal government operations and infrastructure, including housing, education, and social services."

*(A press release from the LRBOI Office of Public Affairs)*



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## (Cultural & Government related items)

**Warriors Society:** Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email [vjohnson@lrboi.com](mailto:vjohnson@lrboi.com) for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.

Commander John Shano reported that this month, members of the Warriors participated in the funeral services for GTB's Chair George Bennett-ba and LRBOI Warrior Joe Koon-ba.



**Commission Openings!** The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

***"Because woman lives so close to our first mother, the Earth, she emanates the strength and harmonious nature of all things."***

-- Larry P. Aitken, CHIPPEWA

At an Elders gathering, held in July 1991, we were told the Indian woman would play an instrumental part in leading the healing of Indian nations. The old people said we were to look up to her in a sacred manner. They said the Earth Mother would give the woman special gifts of love. The woman and the Earth Mother are connected in a special way. Women should pay attention to the lessons coming from the earth. Men should treat the women with respect, dignity and honor.

***Grandfather, Grandmother, give the Indian woman Your strength to heal our earth.***



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**The Spring Membership Meeting is  
April 11th in the  
Makwa Endaat (Entertainment Center)  
at The Little River Casino Resort.**

**The meeting is not going to be potluck.  
The meal will be provided.**

**Watch for future  
announcements  
for more details.**

## **REACHING OUT TO NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH TO INSPIRE READING, WRITING, AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

The *Young Native Writers Essay Contest* is a writing contest for Native American high school students and is designed to encourage young Native Americans to write about their experiences as a member of a Native American community and the culture that inspires them.

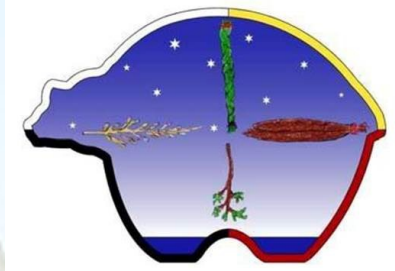
The voices that emerge from this program honor the legacy of every Native American who has ever lived. Add your words to the thousands submitted through this project - all writers receive a Certificate of Honor for their submission.

The Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation's goal of promoting education and creating new opportunities for youth has inspired this essay contest. Partnering with Holland & Knight in this endeavor are the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Indian Education Association.

Follow this link for the details: <http://nativewriters.hklaw.com/>



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## Kateri Spring Pow wow

March 21 , 2015 –noon to 5

Grand Entry 1 pm

Give away 3;30

Feast 4 pm

DISH TO PASS FOR FEAST

Reeths Puffer Middle School

1911 W Giles Rd.

Muskegon , Michigan 49445

Native Dancing and native crafts

Free tables for vendors

FREE Admission

A day of Family – Food – Fun

Call Debra Gutowski -231-736-7544

## Happy Easter

### Kateri Easter Gathering

Johnson Hall 1509 Holton Rd

Muskegon MI 49445 (next to Steak 'n' Egger)

Sunday March 29th, 2015

11am-4pm

Please bring a dish to pass

BINGO, RAFFLES and 50/50



Any questions please  
contact Brenda 231.760.6366



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## March 2015 Docket (subject to deletions or additions)

### Key:

CO Cora Offense/Conservation  
CS Child Support  
CT Civil Ticket  
DM Divorce with children  
DO Divorce w/o children  
EA Enrollment Appeal  
EB Election Board Appeal  
EM Emancipation of Minor  
FJ Foreign Judgment  
FSJ Foreign Support Judgment  
GA Gaming Appeal

GC General Civil  
GM Guardianship of Minor  
GR Employment Matter  
JC Judicial Complaint  
JV Juvenile  
LT Landlord Tenant  
NA Neglect Abuse  
NC Name Change  
PF Probate  
PPO Personal Protection Order

## Court Docket

### Monday, March 2, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Compeau	14264TM Pretrial
01:30 p.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA Review Hrg.
03:00 p.m.	Trust Access	15020TA TA Hrg.

### Monday, March 9, 2015

Judge Bailey

01:15 p.m.	Chandler v. Respotnik	15005DO Pretrial
02:00 p.m.	Hamilton v. LRCR	15016GR Informal Hrg.

### Friday, March 13, 2015

Judge Sherigan

11:00 a.m.	Chick v. LRCR	15001GC Motion Hrg.
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### Monday, March 16, 2015

Judge Bailey

11:00 a.m.	Hilden v. Hilden	09135DM Motion Hrg.
12:00 p.m.	Gregory v. Gregory	14218DM Pretrial
02:15 p.m.	Probate/Guardianship	14207PF Motion Hrg.
03:00 a.m.	LRB v. Gunderson	14263TM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pretrial

### Monday, March 23, 2015

Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Graves v. Jones	08273CM Motion Hrg.
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### Thursday, March 26, 2015

Judge Sherigan

01:30 p.m.	Sprau v. LRCR	14232GC Pretrial
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## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians **Spring Fire & Teachings** April 8-11, 2015

**LRBOI Tribal Gathering Grounds**  
**(Fire Lodge behind Trading Post gas station)**

Each day will start with a Sunrise Ceremony and teachings will be held throughout the day

At the conclusion of the last teaching, Wednesday through Friday, the Fire will be kept throughout the night

Everyone is welcomed to attend!



For information, please call 1-888-723-8288,  
ext. 6891, 6893 or 6895

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Tribal Historic Preservation Department



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## **Help Wanted: Four Tribal Citizens needed for upcoming Spring forestry projects at Natural Resources**

### **Project #1 – White Pine Pruning Project**

Trimming of white pine, all the branches need to be cut off up to approximately 12 feet with the use of hand equipment such as pole saws. On tribal property in Mason County referred to as Custer Parcel.

Starts March 16, 2015 (weather permitting) with June 1, 2015 finish date.

Requirements: Must be 18 years of age with valid driver's license, pass background and drug screen, have own transportation to and from Tribal building known as Big Blue or job site. Supervised by LRBOI Natural Resources Department.

### **Project #2 – Tree Planting Project**

The site needs to be cleaned up of any and all large debris. Planting of 5000 bare root trees with hand equipment. Each tree will then have a tree guard placed on it anchored by a stake. On tribal property in Mason County referred to as Custer Parcel.

Two weeks in April 2015 as soon as frost is out of ground.

Requirements: Must be 18 years of age with valid driver's license, pass background and drug screen, have own transportation to and from Tribal building known as Big Blue or job site. Supervised by LRBOI Natural Resources Department.

### **Project #3 – Native Grass and Wildflower Planting Project**

The site needs to be cleaned up of any and all large debris. Planting of native grass and wildflower seed. On tribal property in Mason County referred to as Custer Parcel.

First of May 2015

Requirements: Must be 18 years of age with valid driver's license, pass background and drug screen, have own transportation to and from Tribal building known as Big Blue or job site. Supervised by LRBOI Natural Resources Department.

If interested in this short-term employment opportunity, contact the Workforce Development Program Specialist, David Hawley, at the Tribal Government Center for application information. Pay is \$10.00 per hour for a maximum of 320 hours. Four positions need to be filled.



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## LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

[www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov)

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Tribal Government Buildings

By calling the HR Department

### Current Job Postings

Job Title	Department	Open Date	Close Date
<a href="#">Maintenance Technician</a>	Maintenance	3/2/15	3/13/15
<a href="#">Program Specialist</a>	Members Assistance	2/18/15	3/4/15
<a href="#">Fisheries/Aquatic Seasonal Internships</a>	Natural Resources	2/3/15	3/20/15
<a href="#">Physician</a>	Clinic	2/20/15	3/9/15

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills.

### Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions

Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to:

**LRBOI Human Resources**

**2608 Government Center Drive**

**Manistee, MI 49660**

Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: [agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov) Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288



**Scottville 3rd grade students** (Victoria Dahringer's class) visited Tribal Council last week for a book presentation and cultural lesson from Council member and Champion Dancer Marty Wabindato. See the full article in the March **Currents**



## New Interactive Forms

Tribal Membership Submission Forms and included the 3 forms.

Election forms for Ogema:

Election forms for all other offices:

Hunting Submissions: [https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/LRBOI\\_Hunters\\_Submissions.pdf](https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/LRBOI_Hunters_Submissions.pdf)

Membership Submission for Currents: [https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/Members\\_Submissions\\_1.pdf](https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/Members_Submissions_1.pdf)

Elder's Conference Submissions: [https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/elders\\_conference\\_memory2014\\_.pdf](https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/docs/elders_conference_memory2014_.pdf)

## Website Access!

Please note, if you are having problems accessing the tribal website at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com) and are receiving an STMP error message about your password....please email [glevasseur@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:glevasseur@lrboi-nsn.gov) to have your password reset!

Also, make sure to use Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome to access the site. Internet Explorer is not working with our site at this time.



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Little River Casino Resort

## CONCERT LINE UP FOR 2015

Friday – February 27th **Jim Belushi** at 9pm • On Sale Now! And the Board of Comedy Jack \$30, Queen \$40, King \$50

Friday – March 6th **Kix & Slaughter** at 9pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$25, Queen \$33, King \$38

Saturday – March 28th **Under The Streetlamp** at 8pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$25, Queen \$35, King \$40

Friday – April 24th **Trace Adkins** at 9pm • On Sale Now! Jack \$50, Queen \$65, King \$75

**More upcoming shows to be announced soon. Stay tuned, and thank you for choosing Little River Casino Resort.**



## 2015 USFS Huron and Manistee passes— where you can use them!

Pick up your pass at the LRBOI Natural Resources offices at 310, 9th Street in Manistee.

See Bonnie or Peggy in the office for your pass!

### Manistee National forest Service Cadillac/Manistee Ranger Station USFS Passes-(Stickers) Fishing Access Sites

#### River Access

#### Manistee River:

Rainbow Bend  
Bear Creek  
Blacksmith Bayou  
High Bridge  
Sawdust Hole

#### Pine River:

Elm flats  
Dobson Bridge  
Peterson Bridge  
Low Bridge

#### Trailheads

Big M (summer only)  
Marilla – North Country Trail  
Udell – North Country Trail  
Free Soil – North Country Trail  
Nurnberg – Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness  
Lake Michigan Recreation Area –Nordhouse Dunes  
Lake Michigan Recreation Area (day use area)  
Ravine Campground  
Hoag's Lake (day use area)

#### Campgrounds & Picnic Area

### Baldwin/white Cloud Ranger Station

#### River Access

#### Pere Marquette River:

Bowman Bridge  
Claybank  
Gleason's Landing  
Green Cottage  
Indian Bridge  
Rainbow Rapids  
Upper Branch

#### White River:

Diamond Point  
Bowman Lake  
Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary (M-20)

#### Trailheads

#### Campgrounds & Picnic Areas

Brush Lake  
Hungerford Lake  
Indian Lake  
Little Muskegon  
Minnie Pond  
Nichol's Lake Beach (boat launch)  
Shelley Lake  
Timber Creek Walk-up Lake

**Change your clocks!** Sunday, March 8th is the  
time to move your clocks forward one hour!